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Jews of Color - The Controversy



The need to make all Jews, regardless of race or ethnicity, feel welcome in the organized Jewish community has recently become an important issue. Jews of Color organizations call for equitable representation in Jewish organizations, communal policy making, and the distribution of resources. These goals need to be informed by accurate data.

A 2019 report suggested that "at least 12-15%" of American Jews are Jews of Color.

This presentation will show that this percentage is erroneous. The authors ignored the definitive 2013 Pew Research Center finding of 6%. When this was brought forward to the organized Jewish community via a column in eJewishPhilanthropy and *The Forward*, the authors (Sheskin and Dashefsky) were attacked as racists.

This controversy has much to say about the role of social science research in planning for the American Jewish community.

A virtual lecture presented by Dr. Ira Sheskin

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